

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

In the Office Action mailed September 5, 2008, claims 109-112, 114-119, 121, 122, 124, 128-144, 148, 150-189, 292 and 293 were allowed, and claims 113, 120, 125-127, 145-147 and 149 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph.

The Amendment cancels claims 123, and 190-204 without prejudice to the subject matter contained therein. This leaves claims 109-122, 124-189, and 292-293 pending in the Application.

The Amendment also makes moot the claim rejection under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph. Claim 113 is amended to depend from claim 109, and claim 120 is amended to depend from claim 119 addressing providing proper claim dependency and antecedent basis for these claims. Claim 145 is amended to specify that each elastomeric layer comprises a two-part addition-cure silicone rubber having a part A that contains vinyl groups and a catalyst and a part B that contains silicon hydride (Si-H) groups. Support for this amendment can be found in the Specification, p. 21, lines 7-9. The amendment to claim 145 also provides sufficient antecedent basis with respect to "A" and "B" in claims 146 and 147. Claims 125-127 are amended to remove chemical tradenames, and claim 149 is amended to replace the chemical tradenames with a generic chemical name. No new matter is believed to be introduced by the Amendment. In view of the Amendment, reconsideration and withdrawal of the claim rejection under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph is respectfully requested.

CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing, Applicants believe all claims now pending in this Application are in condition for allowance. The issuance of a formal Notice of Allowance at an early date is respectfully requested.

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If the Examiner believes a telephone conference would expedite prosecution of this application, please telephone the undersigned at 303-571-4000.

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